

## Escalation in South Lebanon feared

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Military Correspondent

There were expressed by here yesterday that the situation in southern Lebanon could lead to an escalation of fighting.

Now Israeli support in three intensive fighting in the El area of south Lebanon has led to a further escalation, according to sources here.

The Christians managed to capture a strategically important hill, north of Tel el-Sareta, north of the town of Marjayoun, despite a terrorist counter-attack at dawn. The town took the hill on Friday in an attempt to neutralize the town of Khayam, which was a base of operations against villages in the area.

The report from Beirut to the "Post" was actively informed last night that the counter-attack failed and no reported Christians were reported to have been killed.

One source reached the town at Metulla — but the source is supposed to have been damaged to weapons.

He said that the counter-attack was a failure and that the Christians were recaptured the hill position from

Israeli-backed rightists and moved toward the rightist stronghold of Marjayoun, Lebanese reporter on the scene said.

The reported thrust, amid heavy rightist shelling, came two days after rightists captured the hill position and pressed in on Khayam, a Palestinian position atop a steep hill three km. from the Israeli border in southern Lebanon.

The Palestinian leftist counter-offensive took Tallat Al Khiam hill in a one-hour tank, rocket, grenade and shell battle, the reporter said.

Rightist forces regrouped in Marjayoun, their main southern stronghold, some 4 km. across a steep valley northwest of Khayam, the reporter said. The leftists and Palestinians then advanced toward Marjayoun and fighting continued yesterday morning, he said.

The reporter said six rightist tanks were destroyed in the attack on Tallat Al Khiam and that "a number of corpses" of rightist militiamen could be seen on the battlefield.

Palestinian sources said at least 20 rightists were killed and some 25 others wounded in the fight for the hill. They said three Palestinian and leftists were killed and seven others wounded.

### Lebanese memorial

**HANITA.** — Six Jewish Israelis were permitted yesterday to cross the Good Fence into Lebanon to attend a memorial service for a fallen Christian officer. The service was held at Alma Sha'ah, not far from here, on the 40th day after the death of a Phalangist commander.

Three of the six were members of the Israeli Public Committee for aid to Lebanon, two members of this kibbutz, and the sixth was the Arab Affairs Officer for the North, Yoram Katz. The Lebanese villagers asked the delegation to express their thanks to the government for its help to war-stricken Lebanon.

The sharp upturn in the fighting, termed a "dangerous escalation in Israeli tactics" by Palestinian officials, forced postponement Saturday of a Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) policy session in Damascus as PLO leader Yasser Arafat personally oversaw tactical operations in a command post in the south, PLO officials said.

Israeli helicopters were evacuating rightist wounded to Israel, the report said.

The Palestinians said the battle for Marjayoun continued as of 2:30 p.m. yesterday and said they had taken a second hill position in addition to Tallat Al Khiam.

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## Even Cabinet fails to lift veil from Dayan's detours

**Jerusalem Post Staff**  
Premier Menachem Begin yesterday declined to brief the Cabinet about Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan's mysterious weekend trip from Brussels to Paris, Dayan's dramatic shuttle flight back to Israel on Saturday, and finally about Dayan's stopover in Zurich yesterday on his way, finally, to New York.

When one of the Ministers tentatively ventured a question about important meetings which the Foreign Minister was rumored to have had in Europe after he failed to make his scheduled Friday flight to New York, Begin replied incisively: "I'm sorry, but you will have to permit me not to report on Mr. Dayan's doings in Europe."

One of the Ministers told *The Jerusalem Post*: "We're all just as curious as you journalists as to Dayan's comings and goings. If Mr. Begin decided not to brief us about them, it's either because they were so crucial that they have to be kept secret at all costs, or so unimportant that they are best not reported."

The mystery which tantalized the Cabinet and the rest of Jerusalem was the lot of Dayan's Foreign Ministry top. Acting director-general Moshe Alon, a bride peevish, conceded that he was no wiser last night than he had been 24 hours earlier, when he suddenly heard on the radio that Dayan was about to touch down in Israel.

Alon told *The Post* that he had spoken to his Minister over the telephone — but that neither of them had mentioned Dayan's extraordinary odyssey. "We both just used the opportunity of his return to discuss certain routine matters of office business," Alon said.

One theory making the rounds in Jerusalem last night was that in fact Dayan had held no secret or unpublished diplomatic meetings in Europe at all.

An official who held this view said that Dayan had no need to hold clandestine conversations in Europe with Arab, Communist or African envoys when he could achieve the same contacts in New York under less pressure. This official attributed the reports of "secret meetings" to the aura of mystery with which the international press envelops the Foreign Minister, and to Dayan's extremely complicated travel plans, which were compounded by difficult weekend schedules and the need to preserve in-flight security.

According to the no-meetings theory, Dayan decided on his unscheduled return home to do precisely what the official communiqué issued on Saturday night said he had done — consult with Premier Begin. Dayan, this theory has it, was prompted to seek further talks with Begin before his meetings in Washington by a State Department statement last Thursday that predicted Carter would urge Dayan to agree to a unified Arab delegation at Geneva.

That statement was made after Dayan had already left Israel for Europe having told newsmen categorically at Ben-Gurion airport that he was opposed to a unified Arab delegation at Geneva, and would insist on separate delegations from each state, with Palestinian Arab participation being possible only as part of the Jordanian contingent.

The American statement seemed to indicate a firming-up of U.S. thinking along the lines of the unified delegation option. Dayan — all according to this theory — felt that he needed a more flexible brief on this key strategic issue, and therefore flew back to Israel to persuade Begin to rethink Israel's opposition to the unified delegation scenario.

Other theories available last night: • One Cabinet Minister ridiculed the notion that the Foreign Minister had held no diplomatic trusts at secret European venues. "You will be proven wrong in a few days time," he warned, "and although the Prime Minister did not brief us, my conviction is not based on guesswork."

• A Foreign Ministry official dismissed the suggestion that — if the Foreign Minister had held a secret conversation — his interlocutor had been a Soviet figure. His grounds were that Israel's foreign ministers had spoken to their Soviet counterparts before, in New York, and their meetings had been reported.

• The official said that it was just as unlikely that the Foreign Minister met an African leader and heard from him views which necessitated a special trip back to Jerusalem to seek further instructions from Begin. "Why could Dayan not have sent a report on his conversation by telex or at most by special messenger?" the official wondered.

The Foreign Minister also surprised the press corps yesterday morning when he unexpectedly flew to Zurich via Swissair en route to New York, rather than by a later, direct El Al flight. Dayan arrived at Ben-Gurion Airport before 7 o'clock a.m. and complained unobtrusively. Horde of newsmen who came three hours later were indignant to find their bird had flown.

"He must have been in a hurry," a Foreign Ministry spokesman observed. Reports from Zurich later said that there, too, Dayan had managed to dodge the press and had spent the stopover away from the prying eyes of the media.

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## Dayan sees Carter today

**By WOLF BLITZER**  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, fresh from a mysterious 24-hour disappearance in Europe, is due to meet today with President Jimmy Carter and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance in a continuing effort to clear the outstanding procedural hurdles blocking the convening of a Geneva peace conference.

American officials here were baffled by the Dayan visit to Paris and his unscheduled return to Israel for last minute consultations with Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Israeli officials here and in New York also insisted that they were not informed about the Dayan journey. The Foreign Minister's spokesman, Naftali Lavie, who arrived in New York on Friday with Rachel Dayan and other members of the Dayan family, said that he did not know why Dayan flew to Paris over the weekend.

Dayan, who will meet today at noon with Vance at the State Department and later in the afternoon with Carter at the White House, landed in New York last night. He is scheduled to fly to Washington this morning.

Later this week, Carter and Vance are to meet with Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy at the White House. The foreign ministers of Jordan, Syria and Saudi Arabia will pay similar visits to Washington in subsequent days. These talks, which will be continued by Vance at the opening of the UN General Assembly, are described by American officials as crucial in the Administration's efforts to get negotiations under way at Geneva. Officials here say that by the end of next month it should be clear whether or not a Geneva conference can be convened this year, as is hoped by the Administration.

Dayan's meeting with Carter today comes at a time of strained American-Israeli relations. Israel has not been pleased with recent U.S. statements and actions on the Palestinian question, while Washington has been upset by Israel's establishing new settlements on the West Bank.

American officials believe that the Palestine Liberation Organization might yet come around and accept UN Security Council resolution 242, despite the organization's rejection of that resolution last month. A decision by the PLO to accept resolution 242 could lead to open contacts between Washington and the PLO.

### Arens 'in dark'

**Jerusalem Post Political Reporter**

The chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Moshe Arens (Likud), yesterday complained he has been kept in the dark about Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan's recent meetings.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin had agreed in principle to report to the committee on the matter, but no date has been set.

Arens told *The Jerusalem Post* that "Dayan may be a great believer in secret diplomacy — but it must not be kept secret before members of the appropriate Knesset committee."

If Dayan feels leaks, the committee can elect a special subcommittee to hear him, Arens argued.

A minister must be in close contact with the appropriate Knesset committee, and include it in the decision-making process so that it will be able to carry out its duties properly, he said.

Arens added that he had conveyed these views to Begin and to Dayan.

## Levy enters race for Ministry of Social Betterment

**TEL AVIV (Itim).** — Absorption Minister David Levy demanded yesterday that the fate of his Ministry be decided immediately, as he wants to enter the running for the new Social Betterment portfolio.

Levy complained that his Ministry could not function efficiently so long as it is unclear if the responsibilities of his Ministry are to be transferred to the Jewish Agency, as recommended by the Horov committee.

"If there is an opinion that the Absorption Ministry should be abolished, it must be dealt with immediately and not postponed until February," especially when there is talk of manning the vacant portfolios in the cabinet, he said.

Levy cited his long experience in labour, social and welfare matters as the proper experience for the head of the combined Social Betterment Ministry, and announced that he plans to enter the race for the new portfolio "with all his will."

## Gush Emunim will coordinate plans with government

**Jerusalem Post Political Reporter**

TEL AVIV. — Gush Emunim leaders met with Prime Minister Menachem Begin yesterday evening, and undertook to coordinate their settlement plans with the government.

Gush Emunim had earlier threatened to launch settlement bids in Judea-Samaria with or without specific government approval "before the rains." But some potential settlers refused to move without government approval.

Last week the movement's spiritual leader, Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook, put the members in an uncomfortable position when he publicly called upon them to comply with the government's settlement policy.

FOR A STRONG ECONOMY

**ISRAEL BONDS**

## 30th Independence Day Veterans to parade

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

Prime Minister Menachem Begin will probably march at the head of a column of former Haganah and Leumi fighters in a "veterans parade," which will be the highlight of Israel's 30th independence day celebrations next May 11.

The Cabinet decided yesterday on the "veterans parade" instead of the full-scale military parade which Begin had originally proposed, and which the Cabinet had approved by only a narrow majority.

The decision was made to hold the "veterans parade" instead of the army march-pas, with unanimous approval.

Cabinet Secretary Arye Naor explained later that Begin "has his ear to the ground" and was aware that the proposal for a military parade had not been well received by public opinion. The Premier would now submit the new proposal to the Knesset, Naor said. The expectation, apparently, is that the Knesset, too, will endorse the idea of a veterans parade wholeheartedly.

The parade will feature men who fought in the First World War, veterans of the Jewish Brigade, other British army units and units of other Allied armies in the Second World War (including the Red Army, Highways of the pre-State Hagah, Palmach, IZL and Lehi, and members of the Mahal unit of overseas volunteers which took part in the War of Independence. There will also be a contingent of servicemen representing all the units of the modern-day Israel Defence Forces.

The Cabinet Ceremonies Committee, chaired by Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, is to decide on the format of the parade. Cabinet Secretary Naor told newsmen yesterday the parade would be "big" — but he could not yet say how big. The Ceremonies Committee will have to decide whether all eligible veterans would be invited to march, or only representative contingents would be invited by the various veterans associations. The route is also to be determined by the Ceremonies Committee, though presumably the parade will proceed through the main streets of East and West Jerusalem.

Once these decisions of principle have been taken, the IDF will probably be instructed to take over the detailed arrangement of the parade.

## Jordan will train N. Yemen army

**KUWAIT (Reuters).** — Jordan has agreed to send a military mission to train the North Yemeni army after that country's decision last year to replace Soviet military experts, the newspaper "al-Anbar" said here yesterday.

In a report from Amman, the paper quoted official sources as saying that the first of several Jordanian officers, among them several pilots, had already left for Sana'a under the terms of an agreement reached with Saudi Arabian help.

The Jordanian officers are to spend six months each in North Yemen, it added.

## Israel wants U.S. support on PLO murder

**Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent**

Israel yesterday asked the U.S. to support the creation of "an international commission of inquiry to investigate the murder methods of the so-called Palestine Liberation Organization."

This approach to Washington, delivered through the Israeli embassy there, was immediately published, at Premier Menachem Begin's behest, and was plainly intended to be a rejoinder to the U.S. suggestion last week that Israel agree to an international inquiry into torture allegations on the West Bank.

## On way to meeting with Carter Fahmy in Paris — day ahead of schedule

**Jerusalem Post Staff**

PARIS. — Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy arrived here last night, 24 hours earlier than scheduled for talks with French leaders. He is on his way to Washington — hard on the heels of Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, who meets President Carter in the U.S. capital today.

Like Dayan, who spent six mysterious hours in Paris on Saturday on an unexpected visit, Fahmy dodged reporters when he arrived from Cairo at Charles de Gaulle Airport.

Fahmy's reluctance to meet the press fits into the current pattern of speculation that Fatah has been chosen as a rendezvous for top secret sessions between Israeli and Arab leaders and senior officials before their meetings with Carter and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

Fahmy, who is due to meet Carter and U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance in Washington on Wednesday, will see French Foreign Minister Louis de Guiringaud tomorrow or Wednesday.

Carter and Vance are also scheduled to confer with the foreign ministers of Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia — all of whom were due to set off last night for tomorrow's opening of the UN General Assembly session in New York.

The Egyptian foreign minister told Egypt's semi-official newspaper "Al-Ahram" before leaving Cairo that he is carrying a written message to Carter from President Anwar Sadat. Fahmy said it deals with basic principles of a Middle East peace settlement. He did not elaborate.

Cairo radio said the Sadat message contains "broad lines," though not detailed formulae, for a settlement. The radio said these broad lines call for complete withdrawal of Israeli troops "from all Arab territories" lost in the 1967 war. They also call for full recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization and for lifting it to attend any forthcoming Middle East peace talks. The outlines further provide for reconvening the Geneva conference (which was held in December 1973) before the end of this year.

Fahmy told newsmen before leaving Cairo that no durable settlement would be possible unless the PLO took part in the peace process.

Asked about reports that he had met in Paris on Saturday with

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, Fahmy replied:

"This is ludicrous, not only because I was not in Paris yesterday, but also because I have no intention to meet with Dayan, unless he first recognizes Arab rights fully, that is, unless he agrees to total Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab lands and the establishment of a Palestinian state."

Answering a reporter's question, Fahmy said he will urge the Americans to recognize the PLO. "I cannot see how America can go on retreating from doing this," he said.

"Otherwise, how are we going to have peace and how can the Geneva conference be held?"

Fahmy described as a "positive step" a recent Washington statement emphasizing the "Palestinian" role in Middle East peace efforts. "But this step should be followed by more specific steps," he said.

Asked about Vance's proposal that the Arabs send a unified delegation, including Palestinian Arabs, to Geneva, Fahmy said: "These are mere details, not the basics. The basic thing is to reconvene the Geneva conference with PLO participation. The rest are merely procedural questions."

In making the last remark, Fahmy indicated that his country was in conflict with Syria over the "Palestinian" issue. Syria maintains that it is the recognition of Palestinian Arabs "national rights" and not the terrorist PLO that is a basic issue. The Syrians hold that the question of PLO participation in Geneva is itself a procedural matter.

Syrian President Hafes Assad went on record recently as saying once the "rights of the Palestinians" are recognized, these including the PLO, could be represented either by a participant Arab government or by the Arab League.

Meanwhile, amid its attempts to champion the PLO Egypt reported that it would push the UN General Assembly to debate Israel's recent decision to establish new settlements in Judea-Samaria and, as it alleged, "to apply certain Israeli laws there."

Sadat and Fahmy conferred earlier with Salah Khalaf (Abu Iyad) of the PLO's main Fatah terrorist faction, which is headed by Yasser Arafat. The latter is currently in Beirut.

The meeting dealt with coordination between Egypt and the PLO on the General Assembly meeting.

## Israel asks U.S. for \$2.3b.

**By WOLF BLITZER**  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Israel has formally submitted to the U.S. government its economic and military aid request for the next fiscal year. The request was for a total of \$2.3b. in aid — \$1.5b. of which would be in the form of military credits and the remaining \$800m. for economic assistance.

Ambassador Simcha Dinitz presented Assistant Secretary of State Alfred Atherton with a formal letter last Friday detailing Israel's economic and military needs.

The request is the same as that for the current fiscal year. But the Administration reduced the aid request for the current year by some \$500m., asking Congress to approve \$1b. in military aid and \$400m. in economic assistance.

Congress is expected to approve the pending aid bill next month and send it to the President for his signature.

Now that Israel has presented its detailed needs, various agencies of the U.S. government will examine them before recommending to the President a final sum which should be included in the next Administration aid programme. That aid request is scheduled to be presented to Congress early next year.

Officials here say that for Israel to accept the idea of an international inquiry would impugn the credibility of its own judiciary. Israel had made this point in the course of expressing its distinct displeasure to Washington over the State Department suggestion.

## ids may roll' der probe lered in to death

**ANNESBURG.** — Police r Jimmy Kruger said at the d that "heads may roll" in a investigation into the death of Biko, former student leader d last Monday after an eight- y Times" said.

Interview, Kruger said the sioner of police, Gen. Gert o, did not tell him of Biko's condition until hours after his and that as a result he was ring a broader inquiry than a inquest, the "Times" said.

Biko, 30, died while in police afy after a week-long food and strike, Kruger said. Biko was as "the founder of the Black ueness movement in South

nd why he had not been in- d that Biko was ill, Kruger e police in direct charge "may ve thought it important enough me."

is wife, Ntiki, said she did not e her husband died after a r strike. "I do not believe that was a big man, a fit man," she

New York, meanwhile, CBS on Saturday quoted "well- d" South African sources as ere was mounting evidence Biko suffered multiple brain injuries before he died.

U.S. radio in police rk said that preliminary fin- from an uncompleted autopsy d indicated that Biko probably of brain damage. Medical ex- said the damage could have



The children of Steve Biko give a "Black Power" salute as they sit with Nohandla, sister of the Black leader who died in police custody last Monday. (AP radiophoto)

been caused by illness, self-infliction, or assault.

Dr. Jonathan Gluckman, a pathologist who represented the Biko family at the autopsy, would neither confirm nor deny the report from CBS.

Kruger said in Johannesburg that there was no firm evidence on the cause of Biko's death, but he hinted, also for the first time, that the hunger strike probably was not the cause of death.

"I do not think this was a suicide case," he said. "It does not look like a suicide case. But I don't know what he was suffering from. We will have to wait for the report," he added.

detention during the past 18 months, reportedly from suicide or natural causes.

Because of Biko's importance as a black leader, his death has spurred instant and angry reactions. White liberals and blacks continued with plans for a series of protests across the country. If they occur, the protests hold potential for violence, especially in the black townships. Thousands of blacks yesterday attended memorial services for Biko. About 3,000 people crammed into the Roman Catholic Regina Mundi Church in the black township of Soweto for a three-hour ceremony that included praying, singing and the chanting of black power slogans.

## Y. MAYORAL RUN-OFF TODAY

**YORK (Reuters).** — A large turnout is expected today when New York City Democrats choose of two relative political un- as their candidate for mayor his financially-crippled city, ever wins is almost certain to time mayor.

Democratic voters rejected some he city's best-known politicians, judging incumbent Mayor ahnam Beame, in a September 8-round primary. The choice in y's run-off contest has narrowed Congressman Edward Koch and York State Secretary of State io Cuomo.

Latest polls give Koch a narrow over Cuomo, New York State

Governor Hugh Carey's hand-picked candidate for the job.

But many political observers say the race is just too close to call and it may depend on the voter turnout among the city's key religious groups: the Catholics and the Jews.

Koch is Jewish and Cuomo is an Italian Catholic.

Both men have decried the thought that the contest over who can bring New York out of its economic and social doldrums could be decided on a religious basis. But Cuomo drew protests last week when he suggested that New Yorkers would blame Jews if they elected a Jew and things went wrong.

turn out in heavier numbers for primary elections than do members of the city's Italian minority.

But some political observers believe the result may hinge on another element — whether the city's once powerful municipal unions, which oppose Koch for fear he intends further massive layoffs, can bring out the vote for Cuomo.

The rival Democratic candidates had a series of last-minute debates, at the same time picking up endorsements from the politicians they defeated in the first round.

Cuomo, after lengthy negotiations through the night won the endorsement of former congresswoman Bella Abzug, who came fourth.

## 390 pro-Arab group blames Dayan

### Dr attack on USS Liberty

**WASHINGTON (AP).** — Palestinian mphatizers released three Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) documents yesterday which they showed them Defence Minister she Dayan had deliberately lered an attack on a U.S. Navy p during the 1967 Six-Day War. The attack by Israeli planes and pedo boats on the U.S. Navy search vessel Liberty killed 34 Americans.

However, the AP learned the CIA e has a staff summary of the berty intelligence data which con- cludes that the Israelis did not learn e Liberty was an American ship all after the attack.

The American Palestine Com- mittee, described as "a nationwide committee of Americans trying to the Palestinians to get back into eir homeland," said it would blish quotes from the three documents in an advertisement in day's editions of "The New York mes."

The publication coincides with reign Minister Dayan's schedul arrival in the U.S. for talks with resident Jimmy Carter and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

A CIA spokesman, Dennis Berend, lid the three documents obtained the Palestinian group through the Freedom of Information Act, con- cluded "unevaluated information."

He said the CIA could not judge "the possible merits and demerits of the material," but said it "receives and handles intelligence material of varying degrees of veracity, some of it unsubstantiated."

Avi Pazner, a spokesman for the Israel Embassy in Washington, said the Palestinian group was trying to smear Israel over a "regrettable accident." He denied that Dayan had deliberately ordered a U.S. ship attacked.

The Liberty, strayed by jet aircraft and hit by torpedo boats, was heavily damaged. Israel apologized, called the attack accidental and compensated the families of the victims.

According to one of the documents, based on information supplied by an unidentified source, Dayan personally ordered the attack on the Liberty over the opposition of an Israeli general and an admiral.

A second document suggested Israel knew the ship's identity at least six hours before the attack. The third has the Turkish general staff concluding the Israeli attack was carried out deliberately because the ship was jamming Israeli military communications.

The separate intelligence memorandum obtained by the AP said that although the Liberty was some 200 feet longer than an Egypt-

tian transport, the El Quesr, "it could easily be mistaken for the latter vessel by an overzealous pilot." The two ships have similar hulls and arrangements of mast and stack, the memorandum said.

*Hirsh Goodman, Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent, adds:* Official sources in Israel last night dismissed the report as "ludicrous," and said that similar charges have been floated sporadically by those interested in disrupting Israeli-American relations.

The sources said it was not "entirely a coincidence" that the report was leaked on the eve of Dayan's arrival in the U.S., and that the account could not be taken seriously.

Former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who was Chief of Staff when the Liberty was attacked, told *The Post* in a recent interview that Israel had relayed a message to the U.S. through the military attache in Tel Aviv, who was a Naval officer, that the presence of the Liberty off the Israeli coast was hazardous since "in the heat of battle anything could happen."

Rabin attributed the attack to "confusion" after he had received reports that El Arish was being shelled from the sea. He said the ship was attacked only after the Air Force had identified the ship (mistakenly) as an Egyptian vessel.



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Jerusalem	38	15-27	28
Golan	35	13-25	26
Nahariya	51	19-29	26
Safed	51	13-24	25
Haifa Port	54	23-28	28
Tiberias	37	20-28	28
Afula	44	18-28	29
Nazareth	35	19-30	31
Shomron	50	17-25	26
Tel Aviv	47	21-28	28
B-G Airport	38	17-30	31
Jericho	35	19-30	31
Gaza	35	21-28	28
Beersheba	36	16-29	30
Eilat	27	22-34	35
Tiran Straits	32	25-34	34

**SOCIAL & PERSONAL**

Weizmann Institute President Prof. Michael Sela has recently been appointed to the board of directors of the French Institute of Cancer Research. He was also elected president of the International Union of Immunological Societies, and is president of the European Molecular Biology Organization.

Dr. Yitzhak Sergio Mincer, director of the European A Division of the Foreign Affairs Ministry, will lecture tonight at the Rotary Club weekly meeting on "The Common Market and Israel - Chances and Challenges" at 7 p.m. at the King David Hotel.

**DEPARTURES**

Mr. Elyahu Honig, Director of the Hebrew University's Dept. of Information and Public Affairs; for Australia and New Zealand on a University mission.

**Ya'acov Tuvia to head Mekorot**

The Cabinet yesterday appointed Ya'acov Tuvia as the new managing director of Mekorot, the national water corporation, in place of Ze'ev Kariv, who resigned last week.

Tuvia, 55, who was born in Tel Aviv, served in the Palmach before volunteering for the British navy in World War II. After he was demobilized in 1946, he joined Kibbutz Hamadya.

He goes over to Mekorot from CAL cargo airline where he has served as assistant director-general since January.

**Prayer shawls stolen**

TEL AVIV. — Five hundred prayer shawls worth IL50,000 were stolen over the weekend from a Holon workshop.

Only last week during Rosh Hashana thieves broke into a Tel Aviv workshop and made off with 5,000 prayer shawls worth IL500,000.

Police believe that the prayer shawls may be intended for markets abroad.

**Histadrut body objects to amending child allowance**

By LEA LEVAVI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut Executive Committee yesterday resolved to oppose any change in the payments which families now receive for their first two children.

The resolution was supported by all parties represented in the Histadrut except for the Likud, which abstained.

Likud representative Yosef Telat said his party is also against elimination of the children's allowance and that he is sure the Cabinet itself will reject the idea if Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich proposes it.

In his opening address Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel also raised the Government's plan to launder black money, i.e. giving tax evaders the chance to pay their taxes without fines and at lower rates; the 'Tenants' Protection Law; price rises; and the Cost-of-Living allowance.

Meshel, and many of the speakers who followed him, said that the "laundering" would only encourage future tax evasions and would undermine the morale and work ethics of salaried workers who pay their taxes honestly.

The Histadrut wants the Tenants Protection Law kept intact because

most of the tenants are poor and most of the landlords rich.

Concerning prices and Cost-of-Living allowance, Meshel said that if the Government does away with price controls in favour of free competition, the Histadrut will insist on signing one-year wage agreements rather than two-year pacts.

Meshel also criticized Industry, Commerce, and Tourism Minister Yigal Hurvitz's statement that 25 per cent of Israel's factories will have to be closed down because they will not be able to compete with Common Market merchandise. "He didn't say which factories would be closed, so he has merely given a lot of people something to worry about," Meshel said.

Post Reporter Joshua Brilliant adds:

The secretary of the Tel Aviv Labour Council, Dov Ben-Meir, yesterday suggested that the Histadrut expel the Likud because it advocates selling the labour federation's enterprises. He also recommended expelling members who employ more than five workers, so that the Histadrut would represent the "average citizen." The recommendations were presented to the committees organizing the Histadrut convention to be held in November.

**Special Knesset session today**

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Knesset convenes in special session today the summer recess this morning at the request of the Alignment faction, to debate two urgent economic issues and to hear the first reading of a Government amendment to the Savings Loan Law.

The first motion for the agenda concerns the possibility that state allowances for the first and second

child will be abolished as a Treasury money-saving measure. It was submitted by Jacques Amir. The second motion, by Michael Harish, concerns the proposed amnesty for tax dodgers who declare their illicit earnings at a flat tax rate.

The amendment to the Loan Law would enable holders of the savings loan which matures at the end of the month to keep it for a further period at advantageous rates of linkage and interest.

**New Arab affairs adviser**

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Premier Menachem Begin yesterday told the Cabinet that he has appointed Dr. Moshe Sharon, the well-known Islamic scholar, as his adviser on Arab affairs at the Prime Minister's Office. (The impending appointment was announced over the weekend.)

Sharon's predecessor as adviser was Shmuel Toledano, who resigned before the Knesset elections to stand as a DMC candidate.

Sharon, 59, was born in Haifa, and took Arabic studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He has done research in London, Paris, Princeton University and the University of Michigan. At present he holds the post of senior lecturer in the history of the Islamic countries at Hebrew University and at Bar-Ilan University. His specialties are the annals of the Abbasid Caliphate and Arabic palaeography.

Sharon has little direct working experience with the Israel Arab community except for the Negev Bedouin tribes. He was the officer responsible for Beduin in the Judea and Samaria military government.

The new adviser is expected to advocate a "no nonsense" policy towards the Israel Arab community. He has close links with the Land of Israel Movement.



Moshe Sharon

**T.A. policemen told to stay away from kiosks**

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Policemen here have been forbidden to eat in kiosks and restaurants while on duty.

The new order goes into effect in two weeks time when a 24 hour cafeteria will be opened at the policemen's house in Yad Elyahu. The cafeteria will offer inexpensive meals to policemen.



Ahlul (Res) Avraham Yoffe, director-general of the Nature Reserves Authority, directs his flashlight on one of the beautiful sights in the stalactite cave for the benefit of Minister of Agriculture Ariel Sharon (left) and Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism Yigal Hurvitz.

**Cave near Beit Shemesh a 'most precious jewel'**

By YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEIT SHEMESH. — One of the most beautiful sites in Israel, the Sorek stalactite cave in the new Avshalom Shoham Nature Reserve was officially opened to the public yesterday.

Speaking at the ceremony, Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon said that at this time when we are being questioned on our rights to this country, there is nothing that can draw us closer to the land than to see the beautiful sites we have. The cave is one of the most precious jewels of the state, he said.

Sharon also told the several hundred guests that he had personally known Avshalom Shoham, the young military scout who died from wounds during the War of Attrition at the Suez Canal. The Nature Reserves Authority has honoured Shoham by naming the nature reserve near Beit Shemesh after him.

Uri Paz, spokesman of the authority, said the cave is not very big in area, about five dunams, but is special in the huge variety and quantities of stalactites, stalagmites, and unusual mineral formations.

Paz also revealed that the Authority is continuing research into how to preserve the cave and its stalactites, which are "living things" growing at the rate of about 0.2 mm per year.

He explained that the average temperature of the cave is a steady 20.5 degrees Centigrade. If large crowds are allowed in and the electric lights left on for long periods, this could raise the temperature and ruin the cave.

For this reason, only small groups are allowed to visit the cave at one time.

The cave was discovered accidentally about 10 years ago, when a small explosion by the Rasco quarry company uncovered it.

Other guests at the ceremony included Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism Yigal Hurvitz; Ahlul (res) Avraham Yoffe, Director-General of the Authority; the chairman of the Jewish National Fund, Moshe Rivlin, and the family of the late Avshalom Shoham.

**Barak: Minister cannot put off chief rabbi poll**

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Attorney-General Aharon Barak yesterday informed Religious Affairs Minister Aharon Abuhatzra that he cannot postpone chief rabbinic elections without appropriate Knesset legislation.

In a five-page document prepared for the attorney-general by his deputy, Dr. Michael Heshin, Barak noted that once the two chief rabbis' terms of office expire — on the seventh day of Heshvan (October 19) — there is some doubt whether their actions will be legal and if their salaries can be paid.

Abuhatzra had told The Jerusalem Post a month ago that he does not know how long the proposed delay in elections would be. "It may take another year to set up a committee and an electoral college to select the chief rabbi," said the Minister, who is taking personal charge of the election process.

A short while ago, the government's three National Religious Party ministers, including Abuhatzra, agreed that the chief rabbinic elections should be postponed. But after objections from a number of persons, including a strong protest from Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, the Minister asked Barak for an opinion.

Rabbi Yosef's spokesman told The Post yesterday that the chief rabbi was "very pleased" with Barak's opinion. There is no other candidate in the offing for another five-year term as Sephardi chief rabbi, he added.

Asked what Rabbi Yosef would do if Rabbi Goren were to win re-election, the Sephardi chief rabbi's spokesman asserted: "We pray that at least the new chief rabbinic council will be different and not under Rabbi Goren's control." (Rabbi Yosef has refused to sit in council sessions for nearly three years, charging that a majority of its members support Rabbi Goren.)

The Ashkenazi chief rabbi could not be reached for comment last night.

Meanwhile T'at-Aluf Haguel issued religious council has decided to postpone elections for town chief rabbis from today to October 25. The reason given was that the High Holidays have prevented the completion of preparations for the vote.

Only about 10 men have so far applied to the tender, meant to give the capital its first Ashkenazi chief rabbi in 18 years and its first Sephardi chief rabbi in four.

**Five-hour meeting resolves disputes with Nablus leaders**

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Commander of Judea and Samaria, T'at-Aluf David Haguel, and the mayor of Nablus, Bassam Shak'a, held a five-hour meeting yesterday and settled long-standing differences between the West Bank military administration and the Nablus city hall. The "sulha" (reconciliation) conference was scheduled to last one hour. It took place in the command headquarters at Beth El, north of Ramallah, in the presence of the Nablus city councillors.

At the centre of the discussion were the Nablus municipality's irregular practices, which the mayor and his councillors promised to re-adjust in accordance with the Jordanian laws and military ordinances. Emphasis was on projects which the Nablus municipality was promoting independently of the military administration.

Meanwhile T'at-Aluf Haguel issued instructions to investigate Mayor Shak'a's complaints about mistreatment by Israel officials including police constables. Haguel made it clear that no matter how wide a gap existed with Arab city officials, he will not tolerate denying a mayor the full respect due.

T'at-Aluf Haguel also approved a Nablus municipal delegation going to Arab countries to raise funds, providing they submitted plans of the projects for which the money was intended.

**Separation of TV's Hebrew and Arabic units favoured**

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A three-man committee appointed by the Broadcasting Authority's board of directors recommended last night that Arabic television programming be separated from the Hebrew department.

The committee, composed of Authority Chairman Walter Bytan, his assistant Haim Shur, and Mahmoud Abassi, a member of the board, had been asked to present its conclusions on March 31, 1977, after complaints by the directors of Arabic TV that they were being treated as a stepchild and deprived of adequate funds.

According to the recommendations, the Arabic section would be responsible directly to the Director-General Yitai, and funding would be provided by TVD Zokerman and News 1 Shik.

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**Toledano says search indicates: No proof that Bir'im opposed Israel in 1948**

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The IDF archives did not give the Ministerial Committee on Likud and Bir'im any documents, diaries or other papers indicating that the Maronite villagers of Bir'im opposed Israeli forces in 1948, Shmuel Toledano MK said last night.

Toledano, former adviser to the Prime Minister on Arab affairs, told The Post that he had checked reports published last week to this effect with the IDF archives and been told that the reports were a "total fabrication."

(The villagers of Likud and Bir'im say that they were removed from their homes in 1948 with a promise of return after a brief interval. The Ministerial Committee is studying their claims, culminating a campaign which has gone on for years.)

Toledano said the official report for October 23, an army unit entered the village only the battle he says nothing about sh Bir'im. Toledano said it of Jerusalem could not p chosen Bir'im — a hostile village — as his headq the IDF archives possessed any documents to the effect.

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**'Time': Israel gave up pursuit of Mengele as being 'too risky'**

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Israel considered an attempt to capture Dr. Josef Mengele, the Nazi SS man who conducted genetic "experiments" on Jewish prisoners at Auschwitz, but found the effort far too risky, "Time" magazine reports in its current issue. Mengele is reported to be currently living in Paraguay.

The magazine said that so far, at least one Israeli agent has been lost on a (Mengele) reconnaissance mission.

"Time" said that Mengele is "apparently helping the Paraguayan government to round up Aché Indians in the country." Though the story is denied by the Paraguayans, it has been an ad South American country hunting down and re Achés to slave labour.

The report said Meng Paraguay in 1959, and lives in the village of Sar a remote area southeast c the capital. Accordi magazine, he has been l much of his time in a which is off-limits to al He is also reported to be home in Puerto Stresear situated at the confluenc Parana and Iguaçu river

**Government weighs CAL's future**

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Government yesterday decided to charge the Economic Ministers' Committee to "review" within three weeks, a response to CAL's application for a full operating licence, including a permit to carry passengers on charter flights.

The postponement of a final decision on an operating licence for CAL, which is contested by El Al, is apparently due to the absence of Finance Minister Ehrlich.

At yesterday's go meeting the meeting, CAL's Managing Director, Shmuel Toledano, said the company's case for com air transport. Murdecha general manager of El Al, the objections of his com cabinet also heard Eh director-general of the Ministry, and the deputy s charge, Yoram Aridor.

**'Sunday Times' returns to attack on 'torture'**

By HYAM CORNEY  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — "The Sunday Times," returning to the torture allegations it launched against Israel on June 19, yesterday claimed that the Red Cross has passed on to Israel "at least 200 formal complaints of ill-treatment or torture" made by Arab terrorist suspects.

But the paper is forced to concede that the Red Cross "realised that it was faced with exaggeration and lies" in the Arabs' complaints.

It also states that Andre Tschiffeli, the head of the Red Cross in Israel — who told The Jerusalem Post's David Krievine that the Red Cross had no evidence of systematic torture in Israel — is being returned to Switzerland at the end of his current tour of duty.

The Israeli Embassy here yesterday dismissed the renewed torture allegations as "a regurgitation" and watering down of the paper's original attack in unusually strong language, the embassy added that "The Sunday Times" has "sold its support to those striving to harm Israel and isolate her in world opinion by the use of allegations conveyed in highly tendentious journalism to the point of dishonesty."

In a front page story, the Sunday paper claims to have obtained over 200 secret Red Cross reports on conditions in Israel prisons over the past nine years.

The first such alleged report dates back to February 22, 1968, when several prisoners claimed they had been beaten during interrogation, and the paper quotes three other similar reports.

It then quotes a letter it says was sent in 1969 by Samuel Gonaud, president of the International Committee of the Red Cross, to the Foreign Minister Abba Eban. Gonaud wrote: "It is evidently necessary that instructions given to the security forces about the treatment of suspects under interrogation be periodically renewed and that respect for these instructions is enforced without pause in order that physical brutality is not inflicted in the course of interrogation."

"The Sunday Times" claims this "pressure" took effect and that the incidence of recorded complaints began to fall.

But it goes on to allege that "this is because in a deal with Israel, the Red Cross agreed to cut out all details of complaints. The Red Cross did the deal because some of its reports had been leaked to the United Nations."

The paper adds that since that decision, "the reports we have seen indicate that complaints of ill-treatment have dropped to an average of about six a year."

The paper then makes reference to David Krievine's investigations for The Post and in particular to his questions from the Red Cross's Tschiffeli, questioned in Geneva by his attorney about his comments on Krievine, Tschiffeli claimed that his

**Loudest protests from chickens as shoppers stock up for Yom Kippur**

By AARON SITTEK  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Widespread reports of a "price explosion" in food markets between the eve of Rosh Hashana and yesterday were not borne out during a followup survey by The Jerusalem Post.

A check on prices at two of Jerusalem's largest supermarkets and at the Mahane Yehuda outdoor market yesterday showed no appreciable differences between those recorded in The Post survey on September 6 and those seen yesterday. In fact, some prices were lower.

For example, tomatoes were selling at Mahane Yehuda yesterday for IL3 to IL6 per kilo, compared with IL5 on September 6. Cucumbers, which last time cost IL6, cost IL2.50 to IL5 yesterday. Yellow melons were down to IL4 from IL6 before Rosh Hashana.

Peaches, apples, yams and grapefruit were among the produce with prices virtually identical to those reported last time. Also unchanged were such items as carp, fresh and frozen beef and poultry.

The only genuine walls of protest heard in Mahane Yehuda yesterday came from hundreds of handsome white chickens. These being the days between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, many religious Jews observe the *kashrut* ceremony, in which they "transfer" their sins to a white chicken.

The "transfer" — a symbolic act — is executed by recitation of certain verses and declarations, followed by the slaughter of the fowl. It is then purchased by the penitent, who takes it home to be cooked and eaten or donates it to charity.

Yesterday the lanes in Mahane Yehuda were more crowded and noisy than usual as *shokhtim* (ritual slaughterers), with the ultra-sharp *halaf* knives between their teeth, helped people lift the birds over their heads while they recited the prayers. With the prayers over, the chicken was lowered, the shochet took the *halaf* from his mouth and gingerly and swiftly slit the bird's throat according to the regulations of Halacha.

After a few minutes of draining the blood in a can, with its head lowered, the chicken was wrapped and carried off by the customer.

David Krauss, manager of the Jerusalem Co-op, told The Post he believed a report in an afternoon newspaper last weekend about impending price rises may have driven many people to buy more than they needed.

He said, "I think it's a sin to stock up on rice and flour — two of the few remaining subsidized basics — since the money saved will probably be lost through spoilage during storage at home."

Yitshak Oked adds: "A 'problem' is that this year is carrots, according to sources. The sweet root was selling for IL25 per kilo yesterday. On September 6, they sold for IL20.

Sources said the carrot crop was not ready since Rosh Hashana occurred relatively early this year. This cut into the supply, driving prices up. Another factor, they added, was a smaller harvest due to the absence of many Arab farm workers because of Ramadan.

Then, with Id el Fitr falling on the second day of Rosh Hashana, a wave of Arab demand for carrots swamped the wholesale market, cutting further into supplies.

As for the relatively high price of cucumbers this year, Agriculture Ministry field workers said last month's heat wave ruined a good part of the crop. This resulted in a temporary shortage which drove prices upward.

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of our dear member

**Dr. NAFTALI C. ROSENSTEIN**

The funeral will be held today, Monday, September 19, 1977, at 3.30 p.m., at Kibbutz Kiryat Anavim.

The Family  
Kibbutz Kiryat Anavim

We mourn the death, in Vina del Mar, Chile of our dear father, grandfather, and great-grandfather

**GREGORIO (Zvi) SENERMAN**

His Sons, Daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren in Israel, Chile and Brazil

P E C ISRAEL ECONOMIC CORPORATION mourns the death of

**ITZHAK RABINOWITZ**

and expresses condolences to the family.

Our dear sister and aunt

**ALIZA PEREFERKOVICH**

(Riga, Upper Nazareth) has died suddenly.

The funeral will take place today, Monday, September 19, 1977, at 4 p.m. We shall meet at the new gate of Holon Cemetery.

The Bereaved Family

Officers and Directors of Israel Investors Corporation share in the grief of the family on the death of their dear friend

**MORDECHAI ZAGAGI**

Our sympathies to Dr. Haim Cohen in his sorrow at the death of his beloved

**FATHER**

League for Women's Rights in the Courts Tel Aviv

**Turkish captain jailed**

LOD (Itim). — The Turkish captain of a ship that landed five terrorists on Tel Aviv's beach last year was sentenced yesterday to four years' imprisonment by the military court here.

The terrorists lost their nerve before landing at the Marina beach on a rubber dinghy and threw their weapons into the sea, but later admitted their intentions and were sentenced to long prison terms. The captain, Husain Sami Bash, was not arrested at the time, but called later at Haifa on board the 250-ton Oklaanar which the terrorists had described as their mother ship.

In his verdict the judges said that while Bash, who had confessed to carrying the terrorists, was not aware of the gravity of his actions, the court must impose a prison term that would be a deterrent to other foreign seamen.

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**A Day of Study "Repentance"**

Friday, Sept. 19, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Jerusalem Academy of Jewish Studies 10, Nefeshim St., Tel. 2889451, 2889452

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# Most military cars failed road test

**Jerusalem Post Reporter.**  
HAIFA. — Nearly 70 per cent of military cars and trucks given a road-safety test earlier in the year failed it, the current report of the Technion's Council for the Prevention of Road Accidents reveals.  
The revelation is from a speech given last June to a meeting of the Council by the Chief of Military Police, Tal Aluf Binyamin Inbar, and contained in the report for the first half of 1977 which the Council issued at the end of last week.  
Tal Aluf Inbar told the Council that the "grave findings" turned up by the test had surprised most military authorities, but not himself. He added that the road-safety check is one of the safety measures instituted by a special road-safety unit in the Military Police, established under the direction of Dr. Isaac Benker, of the Road Safety Centre. (The Centre is the Council's agent body.)  
Inbar stressed that thanks to the massive effort invested by the military in road safety, the accident rate in the army had been declining in the past three years. The unit had established a clear relationship between increased traffic-law enforcement, control of traffic, and the issuance of tickets for violations to military drivers on the one hand and decline in the number of accidents on the other. Thanks to the enforcement and control effort, he believed, the percentage of military drivers who obey traffic signs was higher than that of civilian drivers.  
Inbar also revealed that in June a Military Police had appeared to the officers of Sgan Aluf and Aluf

Mishne rank to volunteer as military traffic observers, to back up the military police. "We expected 100 to 150 officers to answer the call. In fact 900 did, which means that 900 additional MPs are controlling military traffic from Sharm e-Sheikh to the Golan," he said.  
The officers were asked to emphasise explanations and to appeal to the driver's conscience. He expected at a later stage to extend the observer scheme to higher officers, he said.  
In another report in the same publication, the Transport Ministry's Garage Department states that the high price of spares and repair work contributes directly to the unsatisfactory state of road fitness in Israel — because owners delay repairs for as long as possible.  
The Department has been unable to exercise full price control over the garages, and can only act when specific complaints of exaggerated prices are received. The Department believes that greater competition, by more garages, would moderate prices.  
The Department report challenges the official statistics that only two to four per cent of Israel's road accidents are the result of mechanical deficiencies. The Department holds that proper study would reveal a much higher figure.  
It notes that the mechanical fitness problem in Israel is compounded by the relatively high average age of the vehicles on the roads. This introduces the hazard of material fatigue, which may cause accidents through loss of control over brakes, steering wheel, tyre blowouts, and so forth.

## 2 terror suspects nabbed

**Post Military Correspondent.**  
security forces last night arrested the arrest of 22 suspected terrorists on the West Bank and in Gaza.  
According to the Army spokesman, 23 men were arrested on the West Bank and in Gaza.  
The arrested men were taken to military detention centres in the West Bank and in Gaza.  
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## Feled claims Robinson cash as 'gift between friends'

**Jerusalem Post Reporter.**  
TEL AVIV. — Police appears yesterday afternoon dismantled a small explosive device in a cigarette package.  
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Feled leaving the Jerusalem Court yesterday.

former Customs Chief David Feled said yesterday the cash he had received from a Swiss banker was a "gift between friends." Feled was lying in the Jerusalem District Court, where he is on trial on several charges of fraud and taking bribes, saying he had asked Swiss banker Michael Robinson to provide him with German marks and Swiss francs for a trip to Japan. "It's every day one gets a chance like to go to Japan," Feled said, adding that the money came from a relative's account in Robinson's bank.  
In reference to another charge that he had received \$5,000 from Michael Robinson, Feled said he was due to travel to Argentina, and because of foreign currency limitations "I was not ashamed to ask for it as a gift...when an Israeli is short of foreign currency abroad he'll ask for the money from a friend or a relative."  
Another charge referred to \$80,000 which were found deposited in Feled's name in Robinson's bank. Feled claimed that the money belonged to relatives in a country from which export of foreign currency was forbidden. The judge barred publications of the relatives' names or nationality. The relatives were interested in investing in Israel, Feled said, and the transfer of money to Switzerland was arranged by the late William Robinson, who also arranged for the money to be deposited under the former Customs Chief's name to avoid complications for the relatives.  
Shimon Toussa-Cohen, Feled's counsel, said he would bring State Revenue Administration Director Moshe Mendelsohn to court to testify that the benefits allegedly given to the Robinson family investments in Israel were not out of the ordinary, and in at least one case, were initiated by the late finance minister Pinhas Sapir. (Itim)

**Sextuplets born to Netherlands woman.**  
LEYDEN, The Netherlands (UPI). — A woman gave birth to sextuplets early yesterday — the first time sextuplets have been born in the Netherlands, a University Hospital spokesman said.  
He said the four girls and two boys, as well as their mother, were doing "reasonably well."  
The babies, delivered by Caesarian section, varied in weight from one to two kilograms, the spokesman said.



Police inspect slabs of hashish snared in the IL1m. haul in the Gaza Strip on Friday night. (Rahamin Yisraeli)

## Fund-raisers agree to help Begin finance housing for 45,000 families

**By JUDY SIGBEL.**  
**Jerusalem Post Reporter.**  
Fund-raisers abroad have overcome their doubts about Prime Minister Menachem Begin's proposal to finance housing for 45,000 Israeli families living in substandard flats, and will bring him concrete suggestions when they visit Jerusalem next month.  
The Premier first raised the proposal publicly on August 3 when he addressed the 1977 Jerusalem Leadership Conference of Israel Bonds at the Knesset. He then asked Diaspora Jewry to double its contributions in honour of Israel's 30th anniversary of independence next May and to raise \$1.35b. over the next

four years for the project. The theme was repeated in Begin's message to world Jewry for Rosh Hashana, and in a separate message to a Bonds conference earlier this month in Atlanta, Georgia.  
When the Premier brought up the subject again in a private meeting with United Jewish Appeal leaders last month, the fund-raisers argued that donors could not afford to double their contributions, and stated that setting up a special fund would endanger the UJA's regular campaign. The idea was modified during discussions with UJA leaders in New York a week ago that were joined by Jewish Agency treasurer Arye Dulin and Begin's adviser, Yehuda Avner.

At a meeting of the Zionist Executive yesterday, Dulin stated that the UJA has "fundamentally agreed" to support the proposal, and that the 45,000 families are "likely to move in the next two years from disadvantage to comfort." Some \$400m. would be raised by the UJA in the U.S. and \$200m. by Keren Hayesod, which operates elsewhere in the free world. The government would offer matching funds of \$600m. to build the housing.  
UJA leaders in next month's Jerusalem study conference will meet with the Prime Minister to work on details. Where the funds will be, whether they will be for rent or sale, and other questions have not yet been settled.

## Netanya officials 'encouraged building law transgressions'

**TEL AVIV (Itim).** — Former Netanya mayor Oved Ben-Ami and his deputy had encouraged contractors to commit transgressions of the building laws and had promised to pay fines imposed by the courts out of municipal funds, three judges at the District Court here said yesterday.  
Hearing an appeal, Judges Yossef Haj Yichye, Shulamit Wallenstein and Israel Giladi levelled sharp criticism at Ben-Ami and his deputy Zion Rubin for their part in encouraging a contractor and a building firm to put up illegal buildings.  
Shikun Olim, a building company, its director Yitzhak Grinbaum and contractor Mahluf Bashor were appealing the fines and suspended prison sentences imposed by a Netanya magistrate for building two seven-story buildings without permits. Ruling on the appeal, the judges decided to halve the fine.

since fines for illegal building are paid to the local authority — in this case the Netanya municipality, which the judges deemed partly guilty of the offence.  
Shikun Olim started to build two buildings on the corner of Netanya's Simoni and Be'er Streets in 1976 without a permit. After eventually receiving authorization from the local building committee to build four-story houses, the company proceeded to add another three stories onto each building. When they were brought to court, the Netanya magistrate ruled that even the four-story buildings were illegal since their erection contravened the guidelines of the town's master plan.  
In his original ruling, the Netanya judge had ordered that the three extra stories on each house be pulled down. The District Court judges endorsed this order, but expressed doubts as to whether it had been executed.

## Barak: Didn't say I wanted Bension out of prison

**Jerusalem Post Staff.**  
Attorney General Aharon Barak has denied statements published by the Public Committee for the Release of Yehoshua Bension to the effect that he did not oppose the ambassador's commutation of sentence and was not interested in seeing Bension serve any more time in jail.  
Barak said the alleged statements did not represent his views, which he had discussed only with the Prime Minister.  
Meanwhile, it was reported yesterday that Barak in February decided to stop proceedings against the former Israel-British Bank head for

allegedly bribing a jailer to smuggle out letters to his wife. The offence allegedly occurred while Bension was under arrest in the \$47m. embezzlement case for which he was eventually sentenced to 12 years in prison.  
According to the charges, Bension and his wife paid Ramle Prison guard Avraham Katz a total of IL260 for smuggling out four letters between August and October of 1974. But Katz informed the prison authorities, and they began action against Bension.  
Bension was pardoned after serving two years of his 12-year sentence.

## Uganda grounds Ethiopian plane at Entebbe in hunt for Israelis

**Jerusalem Post Reporter.**  
Uganda recently intercepted an Ethiopian airliner and forced it to land at Entebbe Airport, releasing the plane only after all the passengers had been questioned and it had been ascertained that none of them were Israeli nationals. This was reported yesterday by "Ma'ariv's" military correspondent.  
Quoting authoritative sources which have been verified by The Jerusalem Post, the paper said the incident occurred on August 26, and

that Israel intends to file an official complaint with the International Air Transport Association.  
The plane, a Boeing 707 belonging to Ethiopian Airlines, was on a regular flight between Addis Ababa and Khartoum, Zaire. The plane was forced to land at Entebbe while it was flying over Ugandan air space by Ugandan air controllers, who threatened to send up military interceptors if their orders were not followed. After the plane landed, it was surrounded by Ugandan security police. All passengers were ordered to show their passports. The paper said that the Ugandans stated explicitly that they were searching for Israeli nationals.

## IL1m. worth of hashish taken in Gaza

Hashish worth IL1m. was captured by undercover Gaza policemen on Friday night and five alleged big-time dealers were arrested, police revealed yesterday.  
The 26.5 kilograms of hashish, packed in a way new to the Israeli drug market, were captured after two policemen won the confidence of Beduin from the north of the Gaza Strip who were allegedly among the big suppliers of the drug. Friday's haul brings the total amount of the drug caught in the Gaza Strip and Sinai recently to 85 kilograms — worth IL1m. in the streets.  
The two policemen, who are expected to be recommended for medals for their exploit, learned that Beduin in the Jura area near the Absalom junction at the north of the Gaza Strip were dealing in very large amounts of hashish. The plainclothesmen managed to pass themselves off as members of the Israeli underworld and arranged a deal with the alleged dealers. On Friday night the two policemen stuffed a suitcase with more than IL100,000 and travelled in a private car to a rendezvous 20 kilometres north of the Absalom junction.  
Police say that after the deal was completed, a large police and army force closed in on the drug merchants, who put up resistance. One policeman was stabbed in the leg in the struggle.  
Nitsav-Mishne Yehoshua Caspi, head of the Southern District investigations branch, attributed the catch and previous hauls to improved intelligence, detecting and interrogation. He also said that police are willing to put down large sums of money to attract the underworld dealers.  
The police are intentionally letting the underworld know that they are putting in more undercover men as "interested buyers," Caspi said, to limit its activity.

## Kibbutz Moran established

**Jerusalem Post Reporter.**  
GALILEE. — The first settlers of Kibbutz Moran have begun work on the site, not far from Ramat, in Central Galilee. They are all in their twenties and trained for their work at Kibbutz Gnessar.  
Moran is one of several kibbutzim and mocharim which the Jewish Agency plans to erect in the north during the next five years. Several dozen homes have already been built, but an approach road and electric power line have not yet been provided.  
YIDDISH is now being studied in two Holon high schools — by 20 pupils in one and 50 in the other — the Council for Yiddish Culture in Israel has reported. This is the first year that Yiddish has been recognized by the Education Ministry as an optional high school course, the group says.

**THIS WEEK**  
Lotto Draw 38/77  
First prize fund: IL1,000,000  
(Including carry-over)  
TODAY is the last day for handling in Lotto entries.  
\* Subject to reciprocity.

## 7 MKs leave for interparliamentary meeting in Sofia

A seven-member Knesset delegation, headed by MK Avraham Katz, left yesterday for the interparliamentary Conference in Sofia, Bulgaria.  
Some 1,000 members of parliament from 72 countries, including Egypt, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan, will participate in the conference, opening this week.  
Two of the ten sessions will be on "Israel's policy in the occupied territories." The decision on adding these two sessions was adopted by majority vote of a committee in April.  
Delegation members in addition to Katz are: Haim Corfu, Elhud Olmert, Haim Zadok, Chaika Grossman, Avraham Melamed, and Akiva Noff.

## Poet Shabazi's tomb said desecrated in Yemen

**TEL AVIV (Itim).** — A group of Israelis originally from Yemen called on the government yesterday to bring the remains of 17th century Yemenite Hebrew poet Shalom Shabazi to Israel as soon as possible.  
The group, Ofek — Organization and Community Development — said it will hold a rally in Rosh Haayin, which is largely Yemenite, on September 28 to protest the desecration of Shabazi's tomb in the Yemenite town of Taiz.  
The Ofek representatives complained at a news conference here that weeks have passed since the news of the desecration without any action being taken. At the same time, they regretted that no one among the Yemenites had seen to bringing the rabbi-poet's remains here during the mass immigration of the 'fifties.

## Jordan daily suspended

**AMMAN (AP).** — The Jordanian daily newspaper "Al-Shaar" was suspended indefinitely from publication yesterday by orders of deputy premier Saleh Majall.  
No reason was given for the measure. However, the paper on Saturday criticized the government in violation of the Publications Law.  
\$300,000 was donated recently by the U.S. National Institutes of Health to the diabetes department of Hadasah — Hebrew University for research into the disease.

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## Carter: Nato can work with Eurocommunists

LONDON (Reuters). — Entry of a communist party into the coalition government of a West European state would not mean that that country must withdraw from Nato, according to U.S. President Jimmy Carter.

But in an interview with "Reader's Digest" published yesterday, the President said: "There is doubt about whether the loyalties of some of the communist leaders might go to their own nations or to the Soviet Union."

"So there would be question about the security of specific advanced weapons systems and military planning."

The interview, which appears in the "Digest's" international editions, was given three months ago but appears at a time when the powerful French Communist Party is wrangling with its socialist allies over their common programme for next spring's general election.

Asked about the implications for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization of a communist electoral success in France, Carter said, "Eurocommunism concerns me very much."

"The best way to ensure that the communist parties will not be successful, as they legitimately challenge for public support in these countries, is to make sure that the countries' democratic administrations are effective, that they recognize the legitimate aspirations of the people, and that government administration is honest, open, and a source of pride."

He added: "If the communist parties should become part of the governments of European countries, there would be concern about Nato defence. This would not mean those countries would have to withdraw from Nato."

Asked if the West were not jeopardizing its security by granting huge credits to the Soviet Union and its allies, the President said: "There may have been occasions when we sold the Soviets equipment that inadvertently contributed to their military strength."

But he felt that current restraints on the sale of equipment to communist countries were adequate and that the debts would be repaid.

In Rome, meanwhile, a prominent Italian Communist theoretician has caused surprise by suggesting that his party abandon its formal support of Marxism-Leninism. But it is not clear how the proposal by Lucio Lombardo-Radice will be received by members of his party, and he says it may provoke protests.

The fact that he made the proposal at all was taken here as another step along the road to moderate "Eurocommunism" by the Italian Party (PCI), whose goal is to share power with the ruling Christian Democrats.

"The term Marxism-Leninism has disappeared from the vocabulary of the PCI in a natural way without explicit bans," he told the Turin newspaper "La Stampa." He said it was like the disappearance of the phrase, "dictatorship of the proletariat."

But in a comment the following day, possibly after reaction to the interview, Lombardo-Radice insisted that his idea "cannot fail to provoke, indeed ought to provoke protests in a great democratic party like the PCI."

He also objected to "La Stampa's" headline over the interview, which announced that the party "will say adieu to Marxism-Leninism."

"When I was asked if, by changing Article 1, we would put Marx in the attic, I replied, definitely not, we only want to enrich our library," he declared.

## Rash of firebombs rocks three North Ireland towns

BELFAST (AP). — British army troops and Ulster police searched yesterday for incendiary devices following a renewed rash of firebombings throughout Northern Ireland over the weekend.

More than 40 incendiary bombs were found or exploded in shops in Londonderry, Carrickfergus and Bangor in what officials said was the latest attack in an Irish Republican Army firebomb campaign.

Meanwhile, in an unconnected incident across the Irish Republic border in Dublin, Irish police and soldiers conducted house-to-house searches yesterday for members of an armed gang surprised during a raid on a pub. The gang had a shootout and car chase with police.

The normally quiet coastal town of Bangor, on Belfast Lough about 16 km. east of Belfast, blew the brim of the firebomb attacks. Twenty-five cassette-type incendiaries were planted and about half exploded. A furniture store and a furniture warehouse were the most extensively damaged of six stores bombed.

Three Belfast women, all in their early 20s, were arrested by police on Saturday in Carrickfergus, a town directly across Bangor on Belfast Lough. They were carrying seven of the devices in a shopping bag, police said.

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Mass of Ethiopian prisoners at a history and "political education" class, conducted by Eritrean People's Liberation Front guerrillas at a camp somewhere in northern Eritrea, recently. Most of the prisoners were captured during the battle of Koren, where the Eritreans claim to have taken 1,784 prisoners. (AP)

## Zambia to protest to U.N. on Rhodesian napalm raids

LUSAKA (AP). — Zambia's foreign minister said yesterday he will protest to the U.N. that Rhodesian security forces are attacking his country with napalm.

The protest was announced here by Sileke Mwale, before departing for the 32nd UN General Assembly in New York.

"There is a fierce war situation declared by the Rhodesian regime against Zambia, Botswana, Mozambique and other frontline states, which are supporting a justified liberation war against oppression and racialism in southern Africa," he said. "Zambia has been attacked several times and bombed by Rhodesian troops using napalm bombs. Therefore, it is in view of this situation that we have decided to protest to the U.N. to mobilize international support against the regimes in southern Africa."

Zambian and Rhodesian troops have exchanged fire within the past few days at Feira border post, a Zambian government spokesman said on Saturday.

President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia told a mass rally last week that three Zambian soldiers were killed and six others, including three civilians, were injured in the Feira district, when Rhodesian planes dropped napalm on Zambian territory on August 31.

Mwale said his government is sceptical of Anglo-American proposals for a settlement of the Rhodesian problem.

"Zambia is not against" negotiated settlement to the Rhodesian question, because for the past 12 years Zambia has been moving along this path of seeking a peaceful settlement to the Rhodesian problem," he said. "But our scepticism has come about due to the continued absence of conclusive evidence on the part of the Western countries, which includes Britain and the U.S., over the question of removing Ian Smith and his entire illegal regime."

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## Addis denies Jijiga taken

ADDIS ABABA (UPI). — Ethiopian strongman Mengistu Haile Mariam denied yesterday that the key eastern outpost of Jijiga has fallen to a Somali attack.

Speaking to a news conference, the 38-year-old leader of Ethiopia's military government said fighting for the town was still continuing, but he refused to provide details of the battle.

Jijiga, about 100 km. from the Somali border, was the anchor for Ethiopia's defence line north of the Ogaden desert, where Somali-backed forces have captured more than 90 per cent of the territory in a three-month assault.

Diplomatic sources in Addis Ababa, however, said that there were conflicting reports only about when the Somalis captured Jijiga — last Tuesday or Wednesday.

Somalia's Mogadishu radio, monitored in Nairobi, said that members of two Somali-backed insurgent groups were digging into trenches at Jijiga that were abandoned by Ethiopian troops when the town fell last week.

At the press conference, Mengistu acknowledged that his forces had suffered several difficulties and setbacks. He also indirectly criticized the U.S. by complaining that "the traditional suppliers of arms" had not sent weapons which have been paid for.

Mengistu's government expelled the U.S. military mission in Addis Ababa in May and the Carter Administration announced that further military aid to the Ethiopians was being halted because of allegations of human rights violations.

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## WORLD SCENE

## Hungry still go hungry

RECENT INTERNATIONAL conferences on the world's food problems have pointed up facts of which we are becoming increasingly aware. For instance, 15 per cent of the world's population, some 400 million people, suffer from malnutrition, even when there appears to be an abundance of food.

The question of food for the undernourished was most recently brought up because of the UN Conference on Desertification (UNCCD) in Nairobi, which was also plunged into political dispute by an Arab-initiated move against Israel.

The conference was called to study means to halt the spread of desert areas. The word "desertification" was coined to mean the gradual degradation of a living economic system to the point it cannot sustain life and is beyond recovery.

The food question must be remembered in all the statistics brought up during the conference. One person in eight lives in the desert, as do half the world's cattle, one-third of the world's sheep, one-third of the world's goats. As very important of all, 30 million tons of grain a year are lost because the desert progresses into fertile land.

More facts coming out of the UNCCD talks: Arid lands cover a third of the earth's surface as deserts expand. It is estimated that the southern confines of the Sahara advance between 1.5 and 18 km. a year, caused mostly by mankind through overgrazing and burning pasture to obtain rapid new growth.

THE WORLD BANK some time ago issued a study showing how floods in Pakistan occurred more frequently in the past 25 years than over the previous 50, mainly because farmers and woodcutters destroyed so many trees on the Himalaya slopes that rain runoff poured unimpeded into the plains. The high flood waters never fail to take their toll of crops and homes.

And as this process continues, more and more under-developed nations look more and more towards North America for their food supplies.

In the 1960s, Nikita Khrushchev made a big effort to turn the grain lands of western Siberia into the country's breadbasket. But the project failed, eventually leading to Khrushchev's downfall and producing dust bowls.

Thus it was that 60 years after the introduction of communism, which was to bring equality and a full belly

to all Russians, the Soviet Union to look for relief to the U.S. for grain supplies. Today after two harvests, the Soviet Union, because of the uncertainty of future grain harvests, is forced to keep its commitment to buy U.S. corn and wheat. Last year, Russia bought 6.6 million tons of U.S. grain despite a record harvest of 222 million tons.

The developing nations feel pinch most in any grain short. This is partly because such countries as Taiwan, Korea, domestic and the Philippines rely much of their dietary habits based on free grain aid after World War II. Wheat flour is now part of a stable diet.

THE AFRICAN countries, of course, are always short of grain. Egypt relies heavily on grain imports from the U.S. There are plentiful supplies of rice and wheat, but they are still not for those who can afford to pay for it.

Three months ago, the World Council, set up by the UN in 1972, after two years of world grain shortages, held a ministerial meeting sounded a warning of bad food ahead and the need to increase production in developing countries as well as to work out plans for national grain stockpiles.

People still go hungry because bumper grain crops, the no world system to even out cyclical nature of the grain's production and demand in the already predicting repetition of grain dearth of 1973. They are oversupply will mean lower prices the next season, to be followed by a shortage which will force prices again to the detriment of hungry people.

Plans have been worked out for international grain stockpiles to become effective next year, whereby any country with a surplus should sell its spare at an international reserve system to store the produce if it is needed. There is talk of working out such a system for rice.

In the meantime, the hungry go hungry until such resolute paper is effected. There is a growing agreement for governments to controlling action regarding grain stocks.

And creating emergency stockpiles is not an easy because of its expense. For instance, a "small" stock of 10 million grain would cost about \$1.8m about \$60m for maintenance deterioration.

## 273,000 babies 'prevented' Singapore's 'war on births'

SINGAPORE (AP). — Nearly 10,000 women were sterilized in Singapore last year in an anti-population battle the government appears to be winning.

On this 600 sq. km. island of 2.3 million people, 41,900 women have been sterilized, 2,000 men have undergone vasectomies and 45,000 women have had abortions since 1970. Nearly 13,000 abortions were performed last year.

Officials estimated that more than 273,000 births were avoided as a result of abortions, sterilizations, use of birth control pills and other contraceptives between the years 1967-76.

Limiting the size of the family has become a compelling necessity for the majority of women who have entered the work force in growing numbers to supplement their family incomes. More than 51 per cent of the labour force of 385,000 earn less than \$21 while another 42 per cent earn less than \$13 monthly.

The government discourages large families by giving income tax concessions only for the first three children, imposing a stiff maternity hospital charge of \$200 for the fourth

child, who gets no preferential schools near his home, and low priority in housing.

Now over 100,000 women are expected to conceive or plan families to conform to the "two is enough" policy. Pills are followed by sterilization, and condoms, of which 2.3 were distributed last year.

The result of the program has been a reduction in the birth rate from 4.7 per cent in 1965 to cent last year.

Seventy-six per cent of the population is Chinese, 15 per cent is Malay and seven per cent is from the sub-continent. The program believed to be less successful Indians, Malays and Chinese Catholics than among non-Chinese.

The Singapore Family Planning and Population Board hopes to encourage young people to marry and have children. It is estimated the will have a population of 3.5 by the year 2020 when zero rate has been achieved "replacement."

## Lance confident after grilling

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — Budget Director Bert Lance emerged from three days of congressional grilling over his financial affairs confident that he would remain in his post.

"I shall return to my duties as Director of the Office of Management and Budget with even a further sense of responsibility and dedication," he said on Friday.

Lance, a close friend of President Carter, said he was satisfied after the three days of hearings that the American people knew him much better.

He said investigations of bank overdrafts and his own plans belonging to the George he once headed was "a person for me and my family, but I it has served a valuable purpose."

Today the Senate Government Affairs Committee will staff of the bank he once Lance said he revealed his background fully to them. It was cleared for his present

## Polish bishops charge media distort truth

WARSAW (Reuters). — Poland's Roman Catholic bishops yesterday attacked the country's Communist-controlled press, radio and television and accused them of promoting "godless ideology" and "total dictatorship." The media were undermining religion and spreading class hatred, they said.

The attack came in the form of a pastoral letter read from pulpits of Roman Catholic churches throughout predominantly Catholic Poland.

It said that the media were used in Poland "to carry on persistent propaganda of a godless ideology and the cult of the robot-man, to spread secular moral attitudes as a human ideal, to justify political lawlessness, force, class hatred and struggle."

The bishops declared that the media in Communist-ruled Poland were used "to consolidate total dictatorship, to employ cultural coercion, to spread lies and to justify the violation of basic rights."

There are no religious programmes on Poland's radio and television, but the bishops demanded that the authorities should allow broadcasts of the mass for the benefit of sick people unable to get to church.

Church access to the media is one of the main issues in talks which have been going on for two years between the Vatican and the Polish government on possible normalization of relations. The government has so far shown no sign of giving way on this point.

The letter urged congregations to listen to Vatican radio. Priests gave out its wave-lengths and times of its Polish-language broadcasts.

The bishops drew up their letter at a conference last June, but it was not published until yesterday. The Polish church observes the third Sunday of September as "public media day."

The letter urged Christians who listened to the radio and television, went to the theatre and cinema, or read the newspapers, to be critical and selective. "The media are in the

hands of people guided by militant atheism and an ideology hostile to all religion," it said.

The bishops called on believers to send protests to editors and producers, "for we have this right." They also appealed to state authorities not to allow the media to offend Catholic feelings.

Observers noted that the conference at which the bishops drew up the letter came only a week after Cardinal Karol Wojtyla of Krakow in a sermon bitterly accused the media of distorting the truth about student demonstrations in the city in May.

## Befuddled bride runs over, kills groom

ROTTERDAM, New York (AP). — A bride was charged with driving while intoxicated on Saturday after she ran over her bridegroom and killed him on the way home from their wedding reception, police said.

Officers refused to disclose details of the accident except to say that the groom, Louis Kenison, 28, of Schenectady, was struck after he got out of the car at an intersection early Saturday morning. He was dead on arrival at a hospital.

His bride, Joan Kenison, 21, was hospitalized for treatment of shock, officers said.

The couple was married on Friday night, and the reception was held immediately afterwards.

Authorities said the district attorney's office was investigating the accident and that no additional charges had been lodged against Mrs. Kenison. A spokesman for the district attorney said the case would be presented to a grand jury for consideration.

Grand juries in the U.S. have the power to decide whether persons should be prosecuted.

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THE "MELTING POT" system of education — in which children of different backgrounds are charged through a uniform cultural machine to make them look and think like natives — has long been recognized as an ill-conceived and fruitless culture.

But the "ethnic studies" technique — of cramming young people with a heavy diet of information about their own culture — has generally proved to be as foolish and even dangerous, according to Frances Sussna, an educator from San Francisco.

"These courses are lessons in chauvinism," asserts Dr. Sussna, "who has devised a new system for teaching youngsters to be proud of their heritage while getting along with others. For example, in U.S. colleges, some Blacks learned anti-Semitism in Black studies courses. It doesn't happen in our program."

The principles of UNTIE (Understanding Through Intercultural Education), a non-profit corporation set up by Dr. Sussna to promote the system, are simple to explain but hard to implement quickly on a large-scale basis. Youngsters are divided for a number of hours a week into separate classes according to their own ethnic, religious or

racial group.

There, they learn in "non-chauvinistic, but realistic and loving ways about their background." They also take part in "sharing sessions" held on a regular basis, in which children in one background group teach youngsters in another about what they have learned separately.

The idea of UNTIE was born when Dr. Sussna, a Philadelphia-born, Hebrew-speaking Jew, became disillusioned about the "failure" of Jewish Sunday schools and afternoon Hebrew schools to inspire youngsters. "It's a failure everywhere. The kids are bored and feel uncomfortable about studying when everyone else is out playing. Yet I found the same problem in other part-time ethnic schools, whether they were for Japanese, Chinese or Spanish-speaking children."

In 1963, she raised funds and set up San Francisco's first Hebrew day school. Hearing that a number of subjects, like mathematics, were taught on a high level, non-Jewish parents asked to register their children in the school, even though the curriculum included the study of Hebrew and Judaism as well. "I tried to discourage them," recalls

# Taking differences in pride

By JUDY SIEGEL / Jerusalem Post Reporter

Dr. Sussna. "I felt that the non-Jewish kids were losing out on their own cultures." As a result, she hired a Black teacher to teach Black pupils and added others of different backgrounds. Called the Brandeis Day School, it is flourishing today with 150 pupils.

Later, she established another private school for youngsters of all races and backgrounds from nursery age through sixth grade. As the principles of UNTIE were implemented, Dr. Sussna found that disciplinary problems became rarer, and disadvantaged children began to reach higher levels of study.

"Too often," she says, "when a whole class studies Black studies, it is the disadvantaged Blacks who get the lowest marks and the Jews who do the best. To fail at your 'own' subject is a terrible psychological blow."

When the Jewish children teach Blacks about their own heritage or vice versa, they feel like experts because they are assured that none of their "pupils" knows more than they do. "There is a built-in safeguard in the UNTIE system against teachers expressing chauvinism or racism," maintains Dr. Sussna. "A teacher is careful of what he says in class because he knows that it may be repeated in the sharing sessions to children of other backgrounds."

UNTIE leads to less intermarriage between groups that want to remain separate, she continues, rather than more. "Intermarriage is generally the result of insecurity about one's identity and an escape from one's own group. If you are proud of your heritage, you are not likely to abandon it." Incidentally, children of mixed marriages who attend the school take part in ethnic

sessions about both their parents' backgrounds.

Although UNTIE has been copied and working "successfully" in a number of Los Angeles schools, it has not spread widely, despite endorsements from civil rights and religious organizations. "Principals and teachers who are interested ask me to go to their schools and show them how to set it up, and that's impossible." Thus, the Ford Foundation, three years ago, sent Dr. Sussna abroad to investigate the possibility of establishing a "dissemination centre" for the UNTIE technique. Having spent time in Israeli kibbutzim in the '60s and having developed a strong feeling for Jewish problems, she would like it to be set up in Israel.

After hearing about UNTIE from a number of sources, Prime Minister Menachem Begin invited Dr. Sussna to Jerusalem to tell him about her

experience with it.

In an hour-long meeting with her recently, the Premier called it a "marvellous idea... I support wholeheartedly this wonderful project... We will do all that is possible to help." Although most of the funds necessary to set up a centre here would have to be raised abroad, Begin promised to ask the Education Ministry to allocate some money for the project and to send a delegation of Israeli Jews and Arabs to the U.S. to explain UNTIE's usefulness to Israel.

UNTIE can be adapted and operate in Israel, Dr. Sussna states, to help Ashkenazim and Sephardim of various origins to appreciate their culture, as well as to promote more understanding among Arabs and Jews. In the latter case, the idea is to start with five schools, and have Jews and Arabs visit each other in their schools and teach lessons about their own heritage.

While she does not delude herself into thinking that UNTIE can undo deep-seated prejudices and make Arabs and Jews in the Middle East love each other, at least, she says. "It may be a step toward breaking through political propaganda. This is my contribution."



Dr. Frances Sussna



THE SYSTEMS of marriage in Israel are as variegated as the different communities which constitute the population of the country, but one thing they do have in common — they are all governed by the respective religious laws of the country, as there is no civil marriage in Israel. In the rare exceptional case, however, a foreign consul may celebrate a marriage when one of the parties is of the consul's nationality. The marriage will then be performed in accordance with the consul's national law.

But, in general, Moslems may marry only according to the laws of the Koran; Christians according to the canon laws of their respective Christian communities; Druse in accordance with the religious and ethnic precepts of the Druse; and Jews in accordance with Jewish law, or *halakha*. There are, however, two overriding secular provisions, which apply equally to all the communities, irrespective of their own religious laws: the prohibition against bigamous marriages and the imposition of a minimum marriage age of 17 for women (boys can marry at any age as long as they are deemed to be "of age" under their respective religious laws).

As the Jewish community is the dominant one in the Jewish State of Israel, I shall confine myself to discussing the law applicable to Jewish marriages.

One thing should be made quite clear from the outset: although there is no civil marriage in Israel, civil marriages which have been validly contracted abroad are recognized as binding in Israel for all purposes. So that "Cyprus marriages" or "Mexican marriages" (which are conducted by proxy) between two Israeli nationals (including such marriages between Jews and non-Jews) will be recognized in Israel, even if they are repugnant to the *halakha* (as long as they are not null and void *ab initio* under Jewish Law).

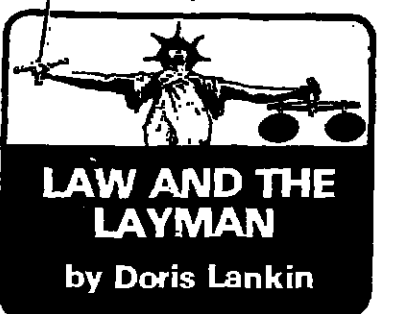
Which brings us to the question of which marriages cannot be contracted in Israel because of *halakha* disabilities. These consist of two kinds: marriages which are void *ab initio* and marriages which are prohibited but which if celebrated despite the prohibition (either in error by a rabbinical court or civilly abroad) are deemed to be valid.

In the first category are incestuous marriages between close blood relations, blemished marriages (that is to women who are already married), marriages between a man

# Marriages made in Israel

and his ex-wife's sister during the wife's lifetime, or a man and his brother's ex-wife, during the brother's lifetime.

In the second category of prohibited marriages are marriages between a *kohen* and a divorcee, or convert; between a *bastard* (that is the issue of a marriage which is void *ab initio*) and anyone other than another *bastard* or a convert; to a widow, or divorcee, within 90 days of the death of, or divorce from, her first husband; between a woman who has committed adultery and



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her lover; to a woman who should have, but did not receive *ketubah*; and remarriage to one's divorcee, if subsequent to the divorce she had managed to marry someone else and the second marriage had also been dissolved.

If none of the above disabilities exist and the couple are both of age (in the case of the man he must be over 18 according to *halakha*, and the woman must have reached the age of 17 according to the secular law), then a marriage may be contracted by them of their free will through the offices of the rabbinate.

The word "contracted" is used advisedly here, as the Jewish marriage (in contradistinction, for example, to Christian marriages which are deemed to be "made in heaven") is a contractual transaction which may be terminated upon mutual consent.

In this context, it should be noted that the *ketubah*, which is, as it were, the marriage contract, contains a list of the husband's undertakings towards his wife and, mainly, specifies to what she will be entitled upon dissolution of the marriage, since a wife is not entitled to alimony upon divorce, under Jewish law. It is, therefore, an instrument of protection for the wife and ought to be treated seriously instead of with the light-hearted disdain usually accorded to it by the about-to-be-married couple. This is something which the bride's parents should be alert to, as naturally one cannot expect a bride to be anticipating divorce on the eve of her marriage.

The obligations which a Jewish man undertakes automatically upon entering into marriage are the maintenance of his wife in accordance with the standards to which she is accustomed and the duty to cohabit with her. The wife, for her part, undertakes automatically to cohabit exclusively with her husband and to keep house for him in a manner consistent with general custom amongst families of her station of life. Failure on the part of a wife to perform her conjugal or domestic duties can prejudice her right to maintenance from her husband.

The secular Women's Equal Rights Law has abolished the special rights which a Jewish husband had over his wife's property under the

*halakha*, and today a married woman has the same independent rights to property acquired before marriage as a single woman has. However, her earnings from work done outside the home must be contributed to the joint family funds, as long as her husband provides her with adequate maintenance. Otherwise she may use her outside earnings to support herself. (The question of maintenance for the children is a separate subject, which does not come within the scope of this article.)

As to property acquired after marriage, the law with respect thereto is now laid down in the secular Spouses (Property Relations) Law, enacted in 1973. This law provides, in essence, that where a couple has not expressly agreed otherwise (in an ante-nuptial, or post-nuptial contract), each is entitled to equal shares in all property acquired by one, or both, of them during the marriage, except where the property was acquired by gift or inheritance. (This is the first of two articles. The second will deal with divorce.)

# prevention on birth

ALL the small fruits, strawberries are perhaps the easiest grow in the home garden. They require comparatively little space and can be included as part of the vegetable garden or as a permanent planter in the flower garden.

For many people the strawberry is queen of garden fruits. First the plants develop rich green foliage, then yellow and white blossoms pop among the green leaves, and finally sparkling red berries make their appearance. You might even enter some plants in your rock garden, since they're so decorative. And matter how easily and cheaply they may get them, you will never find strawberries that taste better than the ones you pick from your own patch.

Longans. Strawberry (*fragaria*) belongs to the rose family like so many other kinds of edible fruit — cherry, gooseberry, blackberry, etc. It grows wild in many European countries (*agria vesca*) and in North America (*fragaria virginiana*). Cultivated strawberries found in the market derive from both these species. Strawberry growers around the world are improving the crop year by year. The goals of the breeders differ: larger fruit, firmer crops, disease-resistant and bearing varieties. Thus we can find in this country big harvests

# STRAWBERRY BENEFITS

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(mostly for export) of juicy, bright red and delicious strawberries of giant dimensions (plum-size) from the middle of winter to the end of spring.

Soil. Strawberries need very rich food and an acid soil. Sandy soils, enriched by large amounts of organic matter, are probably best for them, but they can be grown in practically any soil that is well drained and contains sufficient plant food. In preparing the soil for a new strawberry bed, it is important to remember that moisture is one of the prime requirements. Any material that will retain moisture should be added to the garden soil. The best of these is vermiculite (grade 4). Others are peat, well-rotted barnyard manure and compost.

The plants. If you plant runners from old, well-established strawberry beds in early autumn, the plants will be strong enough to resist frost and will start to flower and to produce fruit the next spring. Runners, the shoots from the parent plant that produce new clusters of



leaves and take root, making new plants, are available at most seed shops and nurseries in Israel from the end of September to November. It is always important to obtain

area, next year's harvest will give you real satisfaction.

Mulching. During cold seasons, a mulch of leaves, pine needles, sawdust, straw or wood shavings should be placed over the bed. Care must be taken not to cover the crown and centre of the plants. This mulch must be renewed in spring so that it will keep the fruit off the ground and prevent it from rotting. Mulching also helps to keep weeds down and retains moisture.

Cultivation. Removal of tall weeds and thinning out of crowded runner plants is important and the main goal of cultivation. Don't hoe too much, because the danger of injury to the shallow rooted young runners is great. Before the period of winter rains and cold, one or two hoeings for the purpose of aeration will be enough. Use a light tool and repeat this careful lifting of the soil once or twice in spring. An application of a complete fertiliser shortly after planting and again during the summer (after harvesting) will keep the plants growing well and strengthen them. For a continuous supply of strawberries over several seasons, the home gardener will find it practical to set out a new bed from runners each season. Use runners from healthy, disease-free plants only. It is necessary to make sure that a plant brought well before being used for propagation, as its descendants will carry on its properties.

Watering. During hot spells the bed should be watered thoroughly. If possible liquid manure should be used after each watering while the plants are producing flowers.

Protection. A "tunnel" made from strong 4 mm. wire arches covered by a transparent plastic sheet (polyethylene) is helpful in protecting the young plants from damage caused by winter. The "tunnel" set up after autumn planting may be removed in spring when the danger of frost is past.

Insects and diseases. Sometimes stem and root lice appear on the lower parts of the little plants. When you detect them, use a nicotine spray. Slugs and snails do great damage to the ripening fruits. They hide out in daylight and appear after sunset. They are big eaters and in one single summer night may render much of the crops unfit for use. Anti-slug poison (available at seed shops) should be applied as a prophylactic remedy every 2 weeks.

The strawberry weevil feeds on stems below the buds. Frequent spraying with an appropriate insecticide is essential and will prevent damage. Root-rot (fungi) may occur where strawberries have been grown over a long period. A Bordeaux mixture spray, crop rotation and aeration hoeings will solve this problem.

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# STATEMENT BY THE LIKUD

ISSUED AFTER ITS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 15, 1977

On September 15, 1977, the Likud Knesset faction discussed the negotiations with the Democratic Movement for Change regarding that party's joining the Government. The Likud noted that its negotiators had submitted the following proposals to the DMC:

a. The DMC would have freedom of expression on political questions affecting Judea and Samaria, and the right to abstain from voting on such questions in the Knesset.

b. Government decisions on questions regarding settlements would be discussed and decided on by the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, if a member of the DMC demanded such a discussion.

c. Yigael Yadin, the leader of the DMC, would be Deputy Prime Minister. He would have the special standing, not required by law, of Acting Prime Minister (in the Prime Minister's absence) and coordinator of the Ministries acting in the area of social betterment.

d. The DMC would have four ministers: Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Labour and Social Betterment, Minister of Justice, and Minister of Transport and Communications.

e. The Ministry of Social Betterment will be formed immediately from the Ministry of Labour, the Ministry of Social Welfare, and the National Insurance Institute. It is agreed (with the Minister of Health a party to the agreement) that the Ministry of Health will be attached to the Ministry of Labour and Social Betterment, following the enactment of the National Health Insurance Bill during the winter session of the Knesset. If the bill is not enacted during the winter session, the Ministry of Health will be so attached in not more than one year.

f. It has been agreed by all factions in the coalition that the electoral system will be changed, and that the 10th Knesset will be elected in accordance with the new system: regional-proportional-personal. A four-member committee will be set up to discuss the details of the changes in the electoral system. The committee will comprise four members, one from each faction, without reference to faction strength in the Knesset. A time will be fixed by which this committee will decide on the number of electoral regions — between six and sixteen. In addition, the DMC will have freedom of voting on the changes in the electoral system, if the decision on the details of the new system, reached by the committee of four, is not acceptable to the DMC.

g. The DMC will have freedom of voting on religious matters, including religious status quo questions.

After all these proposals were submitted to the DMC, Knesset member Yigael Yadin advised the Prime Minister that "the decision of the DMC Council that negotiations be broken off still applies."

The Likud faction confirms that its negotiators made all possible efforts to enable the DMC to join the Government.

The Likud faction wishes to express its disappointment that the leader of the DMC and his colleagues rejected the hand offered them.

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# A Tolkien legacy

LONDON (AP). — "The Silmarillion," a posthumous epic by Prof. John Tolkien, who started a literary cult with his "Lord of the Rings" 30 years ago, was published recently and is widely expected to be a best-seller.

"We have a first edition print of 800,000 in Britain and the U.S." — a record print run for a first edition hardback in Britain, said a spokesman for Allan and Unwin, Tolkien's British publishers.

Tolkien, a South African-born professor of English at Oxford University, had not completed "The Silmarillion" when he died in 1972, aged 81, even though he had worked on it since 1938 when he was invalided out of the army after fighting in the trenches of World War I.

The book, planned as his final work, was a mass of jumbled and many times rewritten papers that was to be a description of the pre-history of the mythical and allegorical world of "Middle Earth" that Tolkien created in the "The Lord of the Rings."

It was assembled and edited by his son, Christopher, a lecturer in English at Oxford and Tolkien's literary executor.

The concept of "The Silmarillion" predates "Lord of the Rings," and the appearance of the Hobbits, a race of little people given to overeating and family trees with whom Tolkien populated his "Middle Earth." Allan and Unwin describe the new book as a "prequel" to the "Rings" masterpiece.

Hobbit addicts are bound to be disappointed by the new work. It contains no new Hobbit exploits and only refers to them once. Covering the first and second ages of "Middle Earth," "The Silmarillion" is set in the land of Numenor, a star-shaped island from which his characters journey to "Middle Earth" before the days of the Hobbit.



# Jerusalem duo: Second part of Beethoven programme

LYDIA MORDKOVICH, violin; ALLAN STERNFELD, piano (Israel Museum, September 17). Beethoven: Sonata No. 23, in a minor; No. 2, in C Major, opus 26, No. 3, in F Major, opus 24.

THE TWO artists — who formed the "Jerusalem Duo" some time ago — are giving all Beethoven Sonatas in three evenings at the Israel Museum as part of the 150th anniversary of the composer's death. This was the second programme.

The team has been working together for some time, and great hopes were pinned on this combination: One partner is a temperamental, Russian-schooled violinist with considerable all-round ability. The other is a pianist from the U.S. who has studied with Walter Hautzig in Baltimore — a guarantee of European traditions — and who has the seriousness for attending to all aspects of the music with beautifully balanced control.

The two artists apparently con-

time to go their separate ways in interpretation, at least as far as Beethoven is concerned. Allan Sternfeld's performance stylistically presented highly acceptable readings of his parts. His general approach was beyond criticism.

On the other hand, Miss Mordkovich tried to steal the limelight by an unreasonable show of temperament, which expressed itself in scratchy accents, rubato and harsh phrasing out of context. This was regrettable as she is an artist who tries to make every phrase exude life and interest, and there were often beautiful lines and attractive shadings to her tone, aided by safe intonation and digital fluency. A too emotional over-attention to technical details was felt where a relaxed sense of secure musicianship was needed to show balanced control and human warmth in the singing in the musical phrasing.

YOCHANAN BOEHM

## CINEMA

### Terror at the super-bowl

BLACK SUNDAY. Fe'ar Cinema, Tel Aviv. With Robert Shaw, Bruce Dern and Marthe Keller. Produced by Robert Evans. Directed by John Frankenheimer. Based on the novel by Thomas Harris. America, 1976.

THIS successful thriller should have wide appeal in Israel. It pits the Israeli security service and the FBI against a PLO attempt to commit the mass murder of 80,000 football fans at the annual Super Bowl football game in Miami. (Much of the film was shot at the 1976 Super Bowl game, which for most Americans is the athletic event of the year.)

The screenplay is tight and filled with action. A strong element of suspense is maintained, through a series of chases and violent confrontations, even though one senses from the beginning that the mass murder will never be accomplished.

While plot and action clearly dominate this film, there is an admirable attempt to avoid stereotypes and to offer a glimpse into the human make-up of the protagonists. Robert Shaw is convincing as the Israeli anti-terrorist agent (nicknamed "The Final Solution"), who is beginning to weaken and to regret his gruesome profession. As a result, he makes

mistakes. Marthe Keller, a fine German actress, plays an Arab refugee turned PLO terrorist, who fanatically pursues her dream of forcing the U.S. to respond to the Palestinian cause. However, her European looks and German accent interfere with her portrayal of an Arab.

The real star of this film is Bruce Dern, who turns the almost impossible role of a schizoid former navy flyer and engineering genius into that of an extremely credible human being in the final stages of psychological disintegration.

"Black Sunday" is not a character study, however, but the kind of "larger than life" crisis film for which John Frankenheimer is renowned. Evaluated in the light of earlier Frankenheimer successes in the same genre ("The Manchurian Candidate", "Seven Days in May", and "French Connection II"), "Black Sunday" flags somewhat towards the end. The final scenes are too laboriously constructed, and the climax so overdrawn that it is quite predictable. Nevertheless, this is a superior action film, which does not slight Israel or the PLO in its attempt to be realistic.

F. A. BROMAN

### Upsets in U.S. college football

NEW YORK (AP). — Upsets were the order of the day on the weekend of U.S. college football action as third-ranked Notre Dame, number four Alabama, number nine Houston, number 11 Maryland and 17th-rated Georgia all were defeated. The Irish were upended by Mississippi's spirited Rebels 20-13. Alabama lost to unranked-but-powerful Nebraska 31-24. Houston was stopped by 104th-ranked Penn State 14-16. Wake Forest surprised Maryland 24-16 and Georgia was shocked by Clemson 7-6.

In other games involving Top 20 teams, top-ranked Michigan had trouble with Duke before subduing the Blue Devils 21-9, number five Oklahoma overwhelmed Utah 62-24.

sixth-ranked Ohio State walloped Minnesota 38-7, number seven Texas A&M scored a 47-6 victory over Virginia Tech, 19th-ranked Colorado blocked a quick kick on the way to a 42-0 pasting of Kent State, number 16 Pittsburgh defeated William and Mary 28-6 and 18th-rated Texas embarrassed Virginia 68-0.

In night games involving ranked teams, Number 3 Southern California, visited Oregon State, eighth-rated Texas Tech hosted New Mexico, Number 14 UCLA was at home against Kansas, Number 15 Oklahoma State journeyed to Little Rock for a game with Arkansas, and Florida, Number 19, was at Rice.

Mississippi State, ranked 18th, and Number 20 Brigham Young were off.

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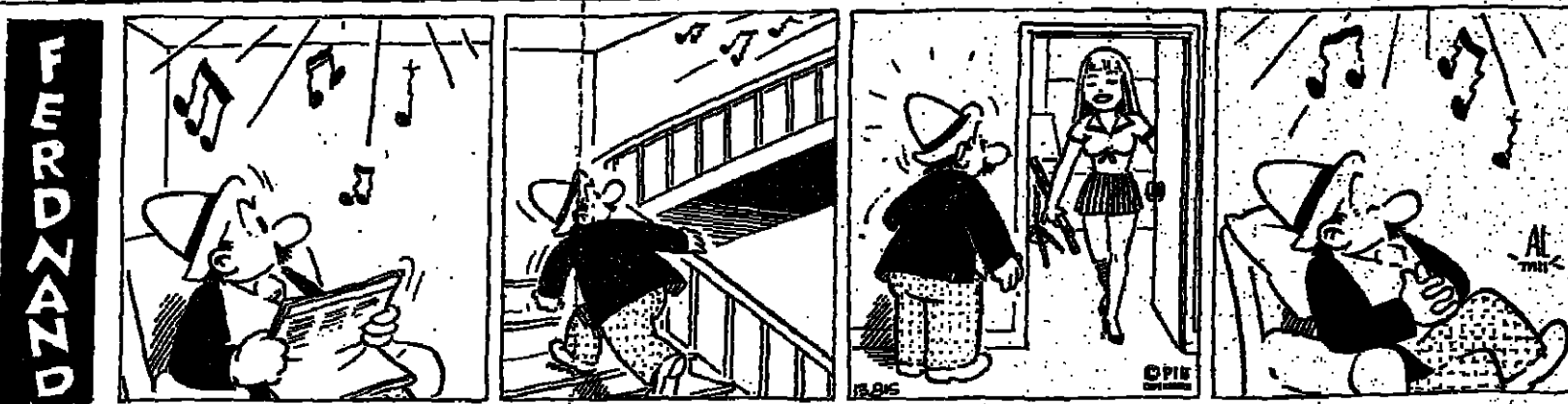
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Mystery and plain fact

THE UNSCHEDULED flight of Foreign Minister Dayan home from Brussels before going on to Washington, and his stopover in Zurich while finally en route to the U.S., have lent an air of mystery, not to say sensation, to his meeting with President Carter today.
Not that the session would have been lacking in the elements of puzzlement even without the speculation as to the identity of the persons with whom Mr. Dayan may have conferred in Europe in the past few days. Yet the overriding question is plain enough: given the positions of the parties, what chances are there for the inauguration of any Middle East peace talks, in Geneva or wherever?

Don't raise taxes, collect them

SINCE APRIL the Treasury has printed IL5.5b. — the entire amount it allowed itself in the current budget until March 1978. Within the next few days, a total of IL800m. — IL800m. in compulsory loans will have to be repaid. Some of the holders of these bonds may accept the Treasury's offer of full linkage if they hold on to them. The rest will have to be paid — with freshly printed money.
Nor is this all. Between October and next March the Treasury will have to redeem a total of IL7.5b. of debentures alone, apart from deposits and other debts which will fall due. For the time being, the internal debt payments falling due outrun the sale of new debentures, and the Treasury will have to go on printing.
The alternative is either to cut expenditure or to increase revenue. In the budget, the Treasury has already stated how far it believes it can go with reducing expenditure this year. Even if all the announced budget cuts should turn out to be real — which may be doubted — no further mid-year slashes can be expected. There remains, therefore, only the revenue side.

Unlike most everyone else, including President Carter, both Israel and the PLO are opposed to the idea of a Palestinian State in the West Bank. They have very good reasons for this, suggests DAVID KRIVINE.

Why Carter is wrong

THE WHOLE WORLD, it seems, has come round with the passage of time to accept two propositions as axiomatic. First, Israel should negotiate with the PLO. Second, a Palestinian state should be created in the West Bank. The whole world, that is, except two constituent parts of it: Israel and the PLO.
Both realize a fact that is plain to those on the spot, but inexplicably escapes the attention of observers far distant from the scene. The territory of Mandatory Palestine cannot accommodate two states.
Palestine (on both sides of the Jordan) (to quote the old Revisionist slogan) comprised 116,000 square kilometres — two-thirds the present size of Syria. It contained Arabs, and a growing Jewish population. The Western powers divided it in two, 90,000 square kilometres going to Arab sovereignty, and 26,000 (we assumed) Jewish sovereignty.

Dry Bones



READERS' LETTERS

TROTSKY AND THE JEWS
To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — On my return from vacation I read your article of August 12 about Trotsky. Trotskyism and the Jewish question. As someone who has spent part of his academic studies researching the political conceptions of Trotsky and in particular his position on the Jewish question, I would like to take up some errors and contradictions in Dr. Levenberg's article.
1. Dr. Levenberg's main argument implies that Trotsky, at the end of his life, changed his position on Zionism.
It is true that the answer to the precise question of Israel would remain a matter of speculation if we were discussing the psychological evolution of Trotsky if he had lived until 1940. But from the point of view of his political positions right up until his death in 1940, Trotsky leaves no room for speculation. Let's take two passages from the very same article from which Dr. Levenberg quotes:
'The facts of every passing day demonstrate to us that Zionism is incapable of resolving the Jewish questions. The conflict between the Jews and the Arabs in Palestine acquires more and more tragic and more and more menacing character.'
'Palestine appears a tragic mirage.' 'The attempt to solve the Jewish question through the migration of Jews to Palestine can now be seen for what it is, a tragic mockery of the Jewish people... the future development of military events may well transform Palestine into a bloody trap for several hundred thousand Jews.'

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G.D. ENGEL
St. Morris, Switzerland.
Sir, — However satisfied the Chairman of the Dan Hotels Corporation may be with the standard of service in Israeli hotels (Letters, September 7), he must surely acknowledge that there is room for considerable improvement. That at least has been my experience during a 10-day working visit to your country which is now ending.
I have encountered little attempt to make the visitor feel truly welcome in hotels. Many of the smaller touches which one expects to find in better-class hotels are lacking: staff have varied from unconcerned and even sullen to pleasant and willing, but incapable of achieving what is wanted. In some cases, hotel facilities have been poor.
My impression is that, in terms of value for money, Israel still has a good deal to learn.
J.D. MICHAEL HIDES, Editor, 'Morning Telegraph'
Eilat (Sheffield)

An argument about Peres undermining Rabin

MISHA LOUVISH takes objection to charges that leader Shimon Peres undermined Premier Rabin's administration, and had previously undercut the au Mrs. Golda Meir when she served as Foreign Minister.

THE ATTACK by Allen E. Shapiro on Shimon Peres in the course of an article on Rabin (The Jerusalem Post, September 5) is based on unsubstantiated insinuations and mis-statements of fact.
According to Shapiro, Rabin's charges that 'subversive forces within his own party,' identified by him with Peres, used the press to undermine his authority, 'cannot be dismissed out of hand.' This is a peculiar way to put it: such charges ought to be proven before they are taken seriously, and Shapiro makes no attempt whatever to prove them.
Instead, he tries to show that Peres was an habitual offender in matters of this kind. 'Using his position in the Defence Ministry as a power base,' Shapiro writes, 'Peres appears systematically to have tried to undermine Mrs. Meir's authority — first in relations with France, beginning in the pre-Sinai Campaign period, and later in relations with Germany in the early 1960's, culminating in the intra-governmental dispute over how to deal with the problem of the German scientists in Egypt.'
These complaints, Shapiro continues, 'are amply documented by... Dr. Michael Bar-Zohar, in his biography of Ben-Gurion.'
Now this statement is simply not true. No conflict between Mrs. Meir, then foreign minister, and Peres, who was director-general of the Defence Ministry during the first episode and deputy minister during the second is recorded by Bar-Zohar in either case.
IN THE DEVELOPMENTS that led up to the Sinai Campaign Peres could not have undermined Mrs. Meir's authority because, as Bar-Zohar's account (pages 1198-1202) makes perfectly clear, Ben-Gurion kept the entire process under his own control. The Foreign Minister did not participate in the conference near Paris, on June 23-26, 1956 (a few days after she had succeeded Moshe Shapira), at which the French agreed to supply Israel with large quantities of arms, sorely needed in view of the Czech arms deal with Egypt in the previous year.
Mrs. Meir headed the Israeli delegation to the St. Germaine Conference which started on September 30, at which the main lines of the Sinai action against Nasser were discussed, but she was not present at the decisive conference at Sevres, on October 22-24. If she had any grievance it was against Ben-Gurion, not Peres.
While Peres played an important part in forging the friendly relations with France, which preceded the Sinai Campaign, his role in the crisis

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